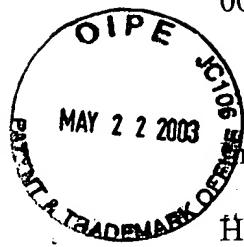


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In re Application of:

HIDEYUKI IKEGAMI, et al.

Application No.: 09/215,194

Filed: December 18, 1998

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AMENDMENT<sup>1</sup>

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In response to the Office Action dated February 19, 2003, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

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